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C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTO 1051

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SEC VISIT - PRESS POOL ARRANGEMENTS

1. UNTIL THERE IS A SIGNING FOR WHICH A CEREMONY CAN BE ARRANGED, THE EMBASSY SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT DISCUSS ANY SUCH CEREMONY WITH ANY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRESS UNTIL IT IS CONFIRMED.
2. THREE TELEVISION NEWTORKS (ABC, CBS, NBC) STATE THAT IT IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO ARRANGE TRANSMISSION OF POOLED FILM TO ENSURE SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE IN THE UNITED STATES. ALSO HAVE BASIC OBJECTION TO ALL MAJOR NETWORKS SHOWING SAME FOOTAGE.
3. THEREFORE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASKING GOS IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO INCREASE BY TWO THE NUMBER OF ACCREDITED NEWSMEN AT EACH OF THE POOLED EVENTS IN ORDER TO PERMIT EACH OF THE US TV NETWORKS TO HAVE ITS OWN CAMERAMAN.
4. ALTERNATIVELY, THE EMBASSY COULD DROP ITS PHOTO-GRAPHER AT THE POOLED EVENTS, SUBSTITUTING ONE US TV NETWORK CAMERMAN AND ASK THE GOS IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ADD ONE NEWSMAN TO EACH OF THE FOUR POOLED EVENTS; THEREBY

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ACCOMMODATING THE TV NETWORKS. PRESUMABLY, EMBASSY REQUIREMENT

FOR PHOTOGRAPHS COULD BE MET THROUGH POOLED WIRE SERVICE PHOTOGRAPHER.

5. WRITERS FROM ACCOMPANYING PRESS FOR EACH POOL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. CALL ON PRIME MINISTER ARIAS: TIME - STROBE TALBOT

B. SECRETARY'S CALL ON KING: ABC - BARRIE DUNSMORE

C. FORMAL DINNER: HEARST - JOHN WALLACH

6. BASED ON OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOS, EMBASSY MAY PROCEED TO CONTACT US NETWORK AND WIRE SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES LOCALLY TO ADVISE THEM OF THEIR POOL ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE ABOVE THREE EVENTS ONLY, AND ARRANGE FOR CREDENTIALS.

7. WE BELIEVE THE EMBASSY WOULD BE CRITICIZED BY THE PRESS IF IT USED ONE OF THE LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE FOR ITS PHOTOGRAPHER RATHER THAN PERMITTING ONE OF THE MAJOR US NETWORKS TO HAVE A CAMERAMAN PRESENT TO RECORD THESE IMPORTANT NEW EVENTS FOR THE AMERICAN TV AUDIENCE.

8. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN FUNSETH WILL ACCOMPANY SECRETARY TO CALLS ON PRIME MINISTER AND KING BUT WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN TALKS THEMSELVES.
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